

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

## TUCKSHOP



WED 4 OCT - TANIA, ANNA

FRI 6 OCT - TANIA, ANNA

MON 9 OCT - TANIA, ANNA

CHANGES TO THIS WEEK'S WHOLESALE DELIVERY DAY DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY MEANS OUR DRINK LINES ARE SHORT. PLEASE REFER TO FLEXISCHOOLS FOR CURRENT AVAILABILITY.

PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK GROUP NAMED 'GCPS TUCKSHOP, UNIFORM SHOP AND P&F UPDATES' OR FLEXISCHOOLS APP FOR CURRENT MENU ITEMS EVEN WHEN ORDERING ON BROWN BAGS AS AT TIMES SOME OPTIONS MAY BE UNAVAILABLE.

### ONLINE ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

WEDNESDAY - CLOSING AT 8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

THURSDAY - 11:00AM FOR FRIDAY INCLUDES ALL BROWN BAGS FOR FRIDAY

FRIDAY - ORDERING CLOSED THUR 11:00AM—LATE ORDERS WILL BE SUBSTITUTED AS PER MENU

MONDAY - 8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

TUCKSHOP TUBS ARE NO LONGER KEPT OUTSIDE CLASSROOMS. ALL BROWN BAGS WITH CASH TO THE TUCKSHOP BY FIRST BELL.

THERE IS NO NEED TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR A FLX DEBIT CARD AS PROMOTED BY FLEXISCHOOLS AS WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS.

### UNIFORM SHOP

2023 OPENING HOURS

MON, WED, FRI

8:00 - 8:30AM OR

11:00AM - 12:30PM



### Student Travel Rebates

Semester 2



#### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$25/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

#### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### TERM FEE UPDATE

Term 4 fees will be issued shortly.

Please check your emails and spam/junk folder if not received by Week 3.



BPAY is now available for fee payments and is our preferred payment method. You will find the BPAY information relevant to your account on the Account Statement in the lower right hand section. BPAY assures your payments are allocated directly to your account, avoiding any errors.

### ☆ Save the Date ☆

#### PREP 2024 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 18 October  
GCPS Theatre—6:00pm

#### Remaining 2023 Pre-Prep Sessions

Long Day Sessions 8:35am—1:00pm

Friday 13 October

Friday 20 October

What to bring: small backpack, water bottle, morning tea and please include lunch for the long day sessions.



PLAYGROUP  
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL  
FRIDAY MORNINGS  
9:00 - 11:00AM

(Access via Owen Street)

Cost: \$2.00 per family

BYO: HAT, MORNING TEA  
& WATER BOTTLE

Co-ordinators: Ashleigh Gordon-Cooke  
0459 676 121 & Vaylen Mizzi

Catering for children birth to 5 years

Join our "Good Counsel Playgroup"

Facebook page for more information.



## GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

3RD OCTOBER 2023

TERM 4 Week 1

With a sense of the First Nations country upon which Good Counsel Primary is situated, where learning and ceremony have taken place over many thousands of years, we acknowledge the Mamu People and pay our respects to all Elders—past and present.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the final term of the school year we hope that our students have enjoyed a restful break ready for a busy Term 4. The end of Term 3 had many activities in the last week with students in Year 2 attending their excursion to the Sugar Museum and Etty Bay. Amazing pictures and stories from the day and much learning took place. Our annual Bike Safety Day for Prep—Yr2 was, as always, an opportunity for students to have our local police talk to the children about personal safety and road rules, then on to their bikes and scooters for some fun. This year a record number of infringement tickets were handed out by 'stand in' Sergeant Kenny for mobile phone use, speeding and not stopping at traffic lights. A great morning thanks to Sergeant Karl Ah Shay, our school Adopt-a-Cop and his willing Police helpers for their input and important message.

On the sporting front, our U/12 school netball team won their Grand Final 40-3 with an excellent performance. Elle Gracie named player of the final and Elisha Finau player with most promise for the season.

Our Jim Graham Cup boys took on the other Catholic Schools in the North at a carnival on Thursday 14/9 and after many close games, came home strong to win the final 24-20 against St Thomas' Mareeba.

On the final day of term, our netball girls took out the Mary Mills Netball Cup against the Catholic Schools in the Diocese, winning both 1st and 2nd Division. They proved that they could win without their chief shooter Elle, who was away representing the Peninsula region at the State U/12 Girls Rugby League. Peninsula played off in the final and placed 2nd with Elle being selected in the QLD honorary team. To put this achievement into perspective, our last QLD representative in any sport from GCP was Jarrett Subloo in 2012.

To conclude the term, we had a morning of fun with the Preps entertaining us with their Fairy Tale Assembly. Apologies for any psychological damage caused by the Ugliest of Step-Sisters who joined other characters in the Cinderella Story to conclude the morning.

Congratulations to Blake Walton (2LM) who won the attendance roller blades for Term 3. Last term we had 280 students who were present every day, or the school was notified of their absence. We also had over 60 who attended every day at school. Well done to all!

This term, two prizes for either attending every day or if you are away sick/appointments then ensure the school is notified via the Parent Portal or by ringing the front office.

1st Prize—  
Kids  
Karaoke  
Boom Box

2nd Prize—  
4 Walkie  
Talkies.



Today we welcome Hunter Arnott to Year 5W. Hunter has moved from Mother of Good Counsel School in Cairns. We hope he settles in quickly at GCPS as he heads on camp with Year 5 tomorrow to Tinaroo for 3 days. What a way to begin his educational journey with us.

Just a reminder—No handball after school from this term. If students are waiting for parents or older siblings, they are to sit in the Blue Area.

Regards Liam

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#### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM

Ph: 07 40630600

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES 2023

TUE 3 OCT

FRI 1 DEC

WED 4—FRI 6 OCT  
YR 5 EXCURSION

TUE 10 OCT  
YR 1 WARRINA  
LAKES EXCURSION

THU 12 OCT  
GCC ORIENTATION  
DAY

FRI 13 OCT  
PRE-PREP  
SESSION #5  
8:35—1:00pm

WED 18 OCT  
PREP INFORMATION  
MEETING

THU 19 OCT  
YR 4 EXCURSION

FRI 20 OCT  
PRE-PREP  
SESSION #6  
8:35—1:00pm



## Term 4 2023...

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Wed 4.10—Fri 6.10 Yr 5 Excursion

Fri 6.10 MV Rosary Prayer Assembly

Tue 10.10 Yr 1 Warrina Lakes Excursion

Thu 12.10 GCC Orientation Day

Fri 13.10 Rugby 7s

Student Council Prayer Assembly

Pre-Prep #5 8:55am—1:00pm

Tue 17.10 Yr 1 Liturgy Theatrette

Wed 18.10 Prep Information Meeting

Thu 19.10 Yr 4 Excursion

Fri 20.10 Gold Coin Mission Day

### SOCKTOBER DAY

Pre-Prep #6 8:55am—1:00pm

Sat 21.10 St Vincent de Paul Mass 6:30pm

Mon 23.10 9:30am Yr 4 Mass Theatrette

Thu 26.10 Bravehearts Theatrette

Fri 27.10 World Teachers' Day Assembly

Mon 30.10 Monday Assembly Blue Area

Tue 31.10 10am Prep Liturgy Theatrette

Fri 3.11 Mini Vinnies Prayer Assembly

Fri 10.11 Yr 6 Camp Prayer Assembly

10:50am Remembrance Day Ceremony

Fri 17.11 Billy Slater League Tag

Sat 18.11 St Vincent de Paul Mass 6:30pm

Fri 24.11 Prep & Yr 1 Prayer Assembly

& Hamper presentation

Mon 27.11 8:40am Leadership Assembly

6pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass

Thu 30.11 Christmas Concert

Fri 1.12 9am End of School Mass

Term 4 ends

### Scripture—Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

*My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. Real love is not our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven.*

Welcome to Term 4—it's good to be back! Some photos from the last week of Term 3 with its Bike Safety Day for Preps—Yr 2, Term 3's Attendance/Explained Absence Raffle & Draw winners, the Yr 2 Sugar Museum and Etty Bay Excursion, and the Preps Fairy Tale presentation.

*Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C Maria Caltabiano*

